

March 16 1942

Mr Francis Matthews
60 Kinnaird St.
Cambridge Mass.

Dear Matty:

I have put off answering your letter until now, because first of all I was really lost for what to say. My first reaction when you sent your contract back unsigned was to accept your refusal to play, and forget about it. Now I have decided to write you.

I guess we will both agree, baseball is an unusual business. I believe it is a matter of routine for the ballplayers to get as much salary as they can. I cant say that I blame them for trying. After all they do not have but a few years in which to collect. No one with good sence blames a person for looking out for himself. On the other hand this request of yours for a raise, is the first case I ever heard of where a player asked for a raise after one of the worst years that one could experience. I am sure if a poll was taken in Newark, not a fan would care if you never played here again. As it happens I am the one person who disagrees with everyone else. I am willing to make the excuse you had a bad year. I think you are a good ballplayer, and want you to make good to prove I am right. I believe you were not well last year, and hope you have recovered from what ever ailed you.

Ballplayers get paid this year for what they did the year before. We have a couple men on this team who are entitled to a raise. They worked hard, and were a help to the club. You are not one of them. On the strength of your last years work your salary should be cut. We are planning to leave for camp the 28th of this month.

Very Truly Yours

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vs.

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